

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

--1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling an electronic equipment for vehicles comprising:

 detection means for detecting a commencement of a condition of use of a vehicle employing the electronic equipment for vehicles; and

 control means for controlling operations of the electronic equipment for vehicles, wherein when the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle is detected by the detection means, said control means causes the electronic equipment to be placed ~~in~~ from a nonoperative condition to a standby-condition from which the electronic equipment can be immediately shifted into a normally operating condition ~~when the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle is detected by the detection means~~.

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--2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means is provided in a control unit which is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition for controlling operations of a motor-operated

apparatus employed in the vehicle when the condition of use of the vehicle is commenced, and is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle by detecting a shift of the control unit into the normally operating condition from the standby condition.

--3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detection means is operative to detect the shift of the control unit into the normally operating condition from the standby condition by detecting starting voltage variations occurring in the control unit.

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--4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

--5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided

in the vehicle is detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

--6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

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--7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit is shifted into the normally operating condition from the standby condition when a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle is detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

--8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detecting means is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle with the reception of a lock control signal for unlocking door lock means provided in the vehicle and detected by lock control signal receiving means provided in the vehicle.

--9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means is operative to detect the commencement of the condition of use of the vehicle with a manual handling to a door knob of the vehicle for unlocking a door lock mechanism provided in the vehicle detected by door knob handling detecting means provided in the vehicle.

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--10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means is operative to keep the electronic equipment in the standby condition when pose control means provided in the electronic equipment is performing its function.